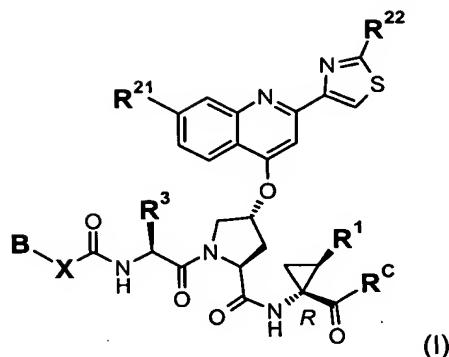


ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula (I):

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wherein **B**, **X**, **R**³, **R**²¹, **R**²², **R**¹ and **R**^c are defined herein. The compounds are useful as inhibitors of HCV NS3 protease.

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